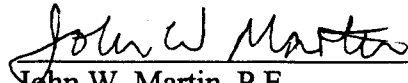


AFFIDAVIT OF JOHN W. MARTIN, P.E.

I, John W. Martin, state that:

1. I have prepared my direct testimony, submitted on behalf of New England Power Company (NEP) on December 3, 2003 in the proceeding to consider a zoning exemption for NEP in the City of Salem, Massachusetts.
2. I hereby swear that the information contained in my direct testimony is true, accurate and complete, to the best of my knowledge.



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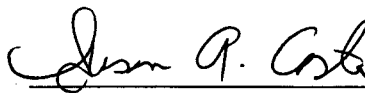
Principal Engineer

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Subscribed and sworn to under the pains and penalties of perjury this 1 day of

December, 2003.



Notary Public

SUSAN A. COSTA
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